



CITY OF HOUSTON

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Code: 532.1

Job Title: **REFUSE TRUCK DRIVER**

Pay Grade: 6

GENERAL SUMMARY:

Operates a refuse vehicle, and collects municipal solid waste, light/heavy trash and recyclable material.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Operates packer or open-bed dump refuse collection truck.
- Operates bed-lift hydraulic controls on refuse truck.
- Transports refuse material to and from specified destinations, including landfills, neighborhood depository sites, transfer stations, and resource recovery plants.
- Performs pre- and post-trip maintenance related vehicle inspections and operator services, such as fluid levels, air pressures and cleanings.
- Completes and submits records on check-in time, number and tonnage of loads, amount of fuel used and odometer readings.
- May perform physical labor in loading packer or open-bed refuse truck(s).
- May answer citizens' questions regarding proper contents, packing weight, container type, pick-up times and placement of garbage containers.
- May perform special assignments as directed.

SPECIFICATIONS:

KNOWLEDGE:

Ability to read, write, add, subtract and follow oral and/or basic written instructions as might normally be acquired through 9 to 11 years of formal schooling.

EXPERIENCE:

Six months of driving experience with a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) are required.

License: Must have a valid Class A or B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and comply with the City of Houston's policy on driving.

COMPLEXITY:

Work consists of routine standard procedures and tasks where simple analytical ability is required to select and execute actions.

SPECIFICATIONS: (continued)

IMPACT OF ACTIONS:

Errors in work typically lead to minor inconvenience and costs. Work is typically performed under close supervision of simple routine duties to ensure completion; or tasks are so highly routine that they may simply require following standardized instructions without continuous direct supervisory observation.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED:

Direct Supervision:

No direct report employees.

Indirect Supervision:

No indirect reports.

CONTACTS:

Internal Contacts:

Level of internal contact is extremely infrequent with virtually no contact beyond the immediate work unit/area. Interaction involves routine information exchange and/or simple service activity requiring common courtesy; e.g., answering questions, giving directions in response to simple requests.

External Contacts:

Level of external contact is extremely infrequent with virtually no outside contact. Interaction involves routine information exchange and/or simple service activity that requires common courtesy; e.g., directing calls, and answering simple questions.

PHYSICAL EFFORT:

The position routinely requires lifting of moderately heavy items, such as typewriters or records boxes (up to 40 pounds) and/or very long periods of walking on rough surfaces on a routine basis.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

There are occasional exposures to extreme levels of temperature, air pollution, noise pollution, chemical gases and substances, and/or contagious diseases or physical trauma conditions of a short-term disabling nature, such as broken bones or temporary loss of sight or hearing.

PHYSICAL SKILL:

Requires the ability to make coordinated eye/hand movements within fairly fine tolerance and/or calibration demands; or the ability to make closely coordinated eye/hand movements on a patterned response space within moderate tolerance demands.

MISCELLANEOUS:

All duties and responsibilities may not be included in the above job description.

JOB FAMILY:

Refuse Truck Driver

Senior Refuse Truck Driver

Effective: October 1990

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